Tidbits from Teresa

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2008

Come one, come all! To Gatherings of Grace!

Gatherings of Grace is learning for the whole family offered once a month in our parish. We start each gathering with a meal, followed by age-appropriate learning for all ages—including adults. We close with sharing what we learned as a community, and we present ways to continue learning at home and live our Catholic faith every day.

The Gatherings of Grace core team has been working this summer on the themes for the coming year. Some of the themes were suggested from the evaluations you filled out last year. Our main themes will be: the church year, sacraments, prayer, Catholic beliefs, morality, and peace and justice.

Here's a glimpse of the months ahead:

September: *The Church Year: Selecting a Parish Feast Day*
October: *Catholic Beliefs: Angels*
November: *Sacraments: Reconciliation*
December: *Peace and Justice: Welcoming a Stranger*

We are asking for your time and talent to help make Gatherings of Grace successful. There are a variety of ways to help, either on a one-time basis or a couple of times. We need greeters, registration table helpers, meal prep and clean up, and more… Please check out the sign-up sheets in the gathering area to see how you can help. Sign up as a family or as a group of friends. Many hands make light work!

If you are new to our parish or new to Gatherings of Grace, and would like to register, you will find registration forms in the gathering area.

Teresa Thompson
Coordinator of Gatherings of Grace

The Week Ahead

August 18-24, 2008

Monday, August 18

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ezekiel 24:15-23; Deuteronomy 32:18-21; Matthew 19:16-22
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the ministry and work of the pastoral council)
7:30 pm: Pastoral Council meeting

Tuesday, August 19

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy32:26-28, 30, 35-36; Matthew 19:23-30
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the ministry and work of the Gatherings of Grace core team)
6:00 – 8:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace core team meeting
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, August 20

Memorial of St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Liturgical Color: White
Readings: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 20:1-16
5:30 pm: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been damaged by sexual abuse)

Thursday, August 21

Memorial of St. Pius X

Liturgical Color: White
Readings: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19; Matthew 22:1-14
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Repose of John Goldade)

Friday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical Color: White
Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 107:2-9; Matthew 22:34-40
No Daily Liturgy

Saturday Morning, August 23

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Ezekiel 43:1-7; Psalm 85:9-14; Matthew 23:1-12
No Daily Liturgy
9:30 – 11:30 am: Women's Encounter

Saturday Evening, August 23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the OLBH parish community)

Sunday, August 24

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green
Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
8:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the success of the *Just*FAITH program in our diocese)
10:30 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For our parish picnic)

4:00 – 7:00 pm:
Parish Picnic!

Parish Community News

August 17, 2008

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

In the Footsteps of Mother Teresa

I have found the paradox that if you love until it hurts there can be no more hurt, only more love. –Mother Teresa

This paradox is boldly clear in the midst of the poverty and suffering in India. The greater the poverty, the more joy abounds. To hear about and see photos of Stefanie Zetah's experience working with the Missionaries of Charity in the streets of Kolkata, India, come to the OLBH Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 20, at 7:00 pm. Dessert will follow.

Driveway Closed

For the next few weeks the north driveway coming into the church parking lot from Sturgis Road will be closed while a new one is constructed. We will need to use the side driveway coming in from Stage Stop Road. Thank you for your patience.

Addresses of College Students

We are collecting addresses of our young adults attending college. Please contact Betsy or Teresa at 787-5168 or olbh@olbh.org. Thank you.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessings to
Grace Lien Montgomery
and her family on the day of her Baptism!

Women's Encounter

Our next OLBH Women's Encounter will be held Saturday, August 23, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Some pilgrims who attended World Youth Day 2008 in Australia will share their journey with us. If you have any questions call Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218.

*Just*FAITH

Introductory Workshop

Saturday, September 6

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Join others from across the diocese to learn how you can become engaged in the Catholic Church's social mission. This workshop will begin with Mass at 8 am. Jack Jezreel, the founder and director of *Just*FAITH, will present the theological traditions on which *Just*FAITH is based, stories about the impact of *Just*FAITH, and instructions on how parishes can implement the program. For more information about the workshop, or to register, contact Betsy Van Asma at 787-5168 or olbh@olbh.org. The registration deadline is Friday, August 29. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided. To learn more about *Just*FAITH, visit www.justfaith.org.

Diocesan News

August 17, 2008

Diocesan Women's Retreat

This year's Diocesan Women's Retreat: *The Lord is With You*, will be held October 17-19 at Outlaw Ranch in Custer. It will be directed by Fr. Dick McCaslin, SJ, and Sr. Marie Schwan, CSJ. For more information, call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Book Signing

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver will be signing his new book on Wednesday, September 3, 4-7 pm at Prairie Edge, 621 Main Street. *Render unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life* defines how to balance our Catholic faith with politics.

Encountering Life Alone

Are you recently separated or divorced? Struggling with pain and loneliness? Healing can begin in this support group, which starts at 7 pm, Thursday, September 11, at St. Therese Church. The group is open to all Christian men and women. Pre-registration is requested; the fee is $25. For more information or to pre-register, call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Victim Assistance

Our diocese provides confidential, caring, knowledgeable support in cases of sexual misconduct by church personnel. If you need this type of support please contact Maryann Tully, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 209-3418.

Centering Prayer Workshop

Saturday, August 23
9 am to noon
St. Martin Monastery, Benedict Hall
$10 offering includes refreshments
To register, call Sr. Marmion at 343-2688

Bereavement Support Group

Heal Your Grief is an eight-week non-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 29 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Please come early to register. For more information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman at 343-5547 or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

BHSU Newman Center

You are welcome at the Newman Center located near St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Spearfish. It is a place to study, use the computer lab, watch TV, visit with friends and grow in your faith. And there are home-cooked meals every Sunday evening. The Newman Center is located at 115 W. Lincoln in Spearfish. Check out the Website at www.stjoesnewman.com.

Rachel's Vineyard

Suffering from the pain of an abortion? Receive forgiveness, healing and hope at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. For information about upcoming retreats, contact Carol Kling at 374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

August 23-24, 2008

Ministry	Saturday, August 23 5:00 pm	Sunday, August 24 8:00 am	Sunday, August 24 10:30 am
Bread Baker	Mary Blauvelt	Mary Blauvelt	Mary Blauvelt
Altar Servers	Celena Sass Shannon Wilson Courtney Cassen	Aaron Thies Taylor Thies Kerry Wilson	Mary Pulaski Andrew Corbine Tyler Corbine
Precious Blood	Bob Sass Judy Wilson Jerry Silbernagel Beth-Anne Ferley	Caitlin Wilson Diane Clarke Brenda Jacobs Dennis Fischer	Lorinda Collings Sharon Long Curt Lauinger Rose Williamson
Precious Body	Jayme Hunt	Larry Williamson	Ken Van Asma
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Chad Thies Diane Clarke	James Pulaski Laura Varilek
Sacristans	Patty and Charlie Cresalia	Brenda and Marc Jacobs	Rose Williamson
Ushers	Kevin Conway Bette Stebbins	Don Everson Kevin Rohrbach	Aaron Denekamp Mike Keller
Choir	Family Choir	Regina's Minstrels	Folk Group

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Fr. Jack Birdsall, Wanda Clemmons, Joe Creek, John Flohr, Marvin Kari, Frank Keller, Dorothy Norman, Ben Roller, Josephine Rogers, Jack Smith, Don Snyder, Enola Sorlie, Mary Kay Young

Repose

John Goldade

Those killed in the Texas bus accident

Parish Income

August 11, 2008

Loose	$ 924.00
Envelopes	2,127.00
Votive	2.00
Student	65.67
Adopt a Seminarian	0
Building Fund	20.00
Mass Intentions	0
Other	2,208.69
Total	$ 5,347.36

For the Ride Home

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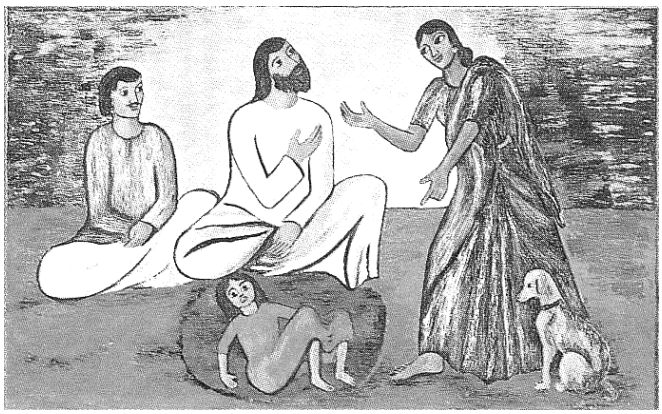
Scripture

- Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice about to be revealed. (Isaiah 56:1,7)
- May God have pity on us and bless us; may his face shine upon us. (Psalm 67:5)
- For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29)
- O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish. (Matthew 15:27)

Reflection

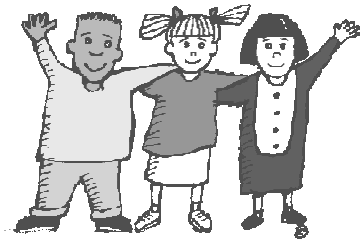
- How does God's kind of justice compare with the world's kind of justice?
- What is the most sacred gift God has given you?
- What does God call you to do with your gift?
- Has Jesus ever said to you, "Let it be done as you wish?" What happened?

If we are not humble, we tend to demand that faith must also bring with it good health, peace of mind, of luck, success in business, popularity, world peace, and every other good thing that we can imagine. And it is true that God can give us all these good things if he wants to. But they are of no importance compared with faith, which is essential. If we insist on other things as the price of believing, we tend by that very fact to undermine our own belief. I do not think that it would be an act of mercy on God's part to let us get away with this.[1]



[1] Merton, Thomas, *New Seeds of Contemplation*, (New York, NY: New Directions, 1972) 188.

OLBH Parish Picnic
Sunday, August 24
4:00 - 7:00 pm



Fellowship

Join your parish family for this annual bash in the church back yard—a guaranteed good time!

Food

The parish will provide BBQ pork sandwiches, lemonade, coffee, and root beer floats. Parishioners are asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts to share—and don't forget the watermelon and corn on the cob! A couple cherry pies?

Fun

There will be a bouncy castle and kiddy train rides, and any backyard games you wish to bring from home.

You may want to bring blankets and lawn chairs to sit on.

Five Reasons Intergenerational Religious Education is Successful

1. If you feed them, they will come: Universally, sharing a meal is named as a program highlight. Seats are assigned in a way that intentionally builds community. Families who may not always have time to sit down together for a meal see the benefit of it and sometimes reprioritize their activities at home to make having more meals together possible.

2. Scheduling: At first glance, it may seem that most families don't have a minute to spare, much less two to three hours once a month. Experienced directors say, however, the longer, less frequent sessions work better for busy families. Because parents attend, it's not one more place to shuttle their children—it's an event for them, too.

3. Looking for meaning: Parents know they are more than minivan drivers and mac-and-cheese chefs, yet in the rush of day-to-day life they have trouble justifying the time it takes to read a spiritual book or go to an adult Bible-study night. After all, there is laundry to be done, and it's difficult to even see the kitchen counter under the school papers. The "required" nature of the intergenerational religious education programs, as it is tied to their children's education, is just the excuse some parents need to feed their own spiritual hunger.

4. Rent-a-Grandma: When the whole community, not just parents and children, are involved in the program, relationships are formed between the elderly and the very young. In the past, three generations would often live under one roof. Now, however, many children only see their grandparents on holidays. Intergenerational faith formation allows relationships to form naturally.

5. A more vibrant parish: The energy of intergenerational religious education programs tends to extend beyond the boundaries of the program. When people feel a sense of community, they are more likely to feel comfortable getting involved with other programs and ministries.

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